

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 12 at line 6 as follows:

A diameter of the winding disk used in the conventional example is restricted by an allowable radius of curvature which does not degrade a transmission characteristic of the optical fibers. Also in a case where the optical fibers are to be bonded linearly with a bonding agent, the optical fibers must be bonded for a ~~prettily~~ pretty long distance for anchoring the optical fibers securely. Furthermore, the winding disk and the optical fiber bonding implement which are to be accommodated in the pressure-resisting cylinder [[are]] tend to involve [[a]] the problem of enlarging the pressure-resisting cylinder.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 29 at line 17 as follows:

The connected portions of the optical fibers 1a of the two optical cables 50a and 50b which are to be accommodated in the pressure-resisting cylinder 28 must have a ~~prettily~~ pretty long surplus length, or excess lengths for a connecting work. For accommodating the optical fibers with no degradation of a transmission characteristic, a excess length accommodating body 24 for accommodating the optical fibers 1a is disposed on an inside of the pressure-resisting cylinder 28.